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In re Application of:)
Gary Karlin Michelson)
Serial No.: 09/605,001)
Filed: June 27, 2000)
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD OF)
INSERTING SPINAL IMPLANTS)

Group Art Unit: 3764
Examiner: M. Brown

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Prior to the further examination of the above-identified application, please amend
the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

Amendment 12-29-03